

**PERALTA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
Board of Trustees Agenda Report
For the Trustee Meeting Date of July 17, 2012**

ITEM TITLE:

National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIH) Bridges to the Baccalaureate Grant for Merritt College

SPECIFIC BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider Approval of the Subrecipient of the Bridges to Baccalaureate Grant for Merritt College

ITEM SUMMARY:

Merritt College in collaboration with the UC Berkeley Transfer Alliance Project (TAP), will conduct several events to recruit and assist students about pursuing research careers in the biomedical and behavioral sciences.

By giving students choices regarding research careers and supporting these students in their pursuit of these goals, students will persist in their courses longer, improve their academic standing, and transfer to a baccalaureate granting institution.

SOURCE OF FUNDS:

The Regents of the University of California not to exceed \$162,034.00.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

Faculty instructors will be matched with cohorts of Bridges students according to subject area. Faculty will monitor their progress and match students with research internship opportunities. The Site Coordinator, UCB TAP, and faculty will work with graduate student instructors to design lab practicum experiences to support student development of research skills. These faculty will ensure that Bridges students are academically prepared for the rigors of research internships and transfer coursework.

DELIVERABLES AND SCOPE OF WORK:

The Site Coordinator and faculty at Merritt will work with UCB TAP to develop career workshops that inform students of the multitude of career options in the biological and biomedical transfer/career pathway. Merritt Learning Assistants will provide structured support in a lab/research setting to help students into their current courses and prepare for summer research internship experiences.

ANTICIPATED COMPLETION DATE:

March 31, 2016

ALTERNATIVES/OPTIONS:

EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDED ACTION:

OTHER DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THIS ACTION (E.G. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY):

YES _____ NO _____

COMMENTS:

WHO WILL BE PRESENTING THIS ITEM AT THE BOARD MEETING?

Dr. Michael Orkin, Associate Vice Chancellor of Educational Services

(*****Board contract approval is subject to negotiation and execution by the Chancellor.)

DOCUMENT PREPARED BY:

Prepared by: George Herring
Dr. George Herring, President, Merritt College

Date: 7-10-12

DOCUMENT PRESENTED AND APPROVED BY:

Presented and approved by: Michael Orkin
Michael Orkin, Assoc. Vice Chancellor Educational Services

Date: 7-10-12

FINANCE DEPARTMENT REVIEW

Finance review required Finance review *not* required
If Finance review is required, determination is: Approved Not Approved

If not approved, please give reason: _____

Signature: Ron Gerhard Date: 7-12-12
Ron Gerhard, Vice Chancellor of Finance

GENERAL COUNSEL (Legality and Format/adherence to Education Codes):

Legal review required Legal review *not* required
If Legal review is required, determination is: Approved Not Approved

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Thuy Thi Nguyen, General Counsel

CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE APPROVAL

Approved, and Place on Agenda Not Approved, but Place on Agenda

Signature: José M. Ortiz Date: 7-10-12
José M. Ortiz, Chancellor